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TOPIC Aircraft Plant in Bielsko-Biala

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The aircraft plant in Bielsko-Biala (Bielitz) (Q 50/X 88) was located on Halcnowska Street. Its designation and subordination were unknown. * The factory had a street frontage of about 300 meters. A railroad connection was not available. Until 1942 the plant was a furniture factory. After 1942 it worked for the army. From 1945 to 1947 there was no production at the plant. After 1947 complete gliders and plywood wings were manufactured at the installation. The wings were shipped to the Biala railroad station on U.S. three-axle trucks, four-wings being loaded on one truck. **

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Comment. The information on this plant producing small glider planes is credible. Bielsko-Biala is a training center for glider pilots and a center for the manufacture of glider planes. The Glider Institute (Instytut Szybownictwa) is located there. The high performance TS-1 Sup type glider and also the ABC, Mucha, and Salamander type gliders were manufactured in this town. An even more important center for the production of gliders is believed to be in Grunau. The glider plants located there had a monthly capacity of 150 gliders.

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